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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

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Re Kansas City airtel to Director, 1/30/69.

On 2/6/69 [redacted], Kansas City, Mo. furnished three page history of an organization called Odessa. Xerox copies are attached. [redacted] advised that he is furnishing the Bureau this information because of the coincidence of a member of Odessa, a [redacted] being in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at approximately the same time as JAMES EARL RAY. Also RAY was in Lisbon Portugal where one of the headquarters of Odessa is reportedly located. [redacted] stated that he is a student of Post World War II German history and corresponds with people in Germany re Odessa. He again stated that a painting given to [redacted] Leawood, Ks. by [redacted] when they were in Puerto Vallarta was signed by [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not do this painting he bought it from a street vendor, however he signed it for the [redacted] advised that he bought the painting from the [redacted] made photographic copies of the signature thereon and sent them to the Ministry of Justice in West Germany and also to the CIA in order to verify the fact that [redacted] is the same individual that was a former SS General.

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Approved: Bishop Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

The Kansas City Office has been attempting to interview [redacted] Leawood, Kansas. However they have recently moved from their address at [redacted] and a new address is not as yet known. He has an office at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, which is closed at this time and the neighbors feel he may be away on vacation, but could furnish no additional information.

Kansas City will continue efforts to locate and interview the [redacted] to determine the exact date they were in Puerto Vallarta, any additional information they may have re [redacted] Odessa or JAMES EARL RAY.

Any other leads in this matter being left to the discretion of the OO, or Bureau.